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SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE: BOEING MARINE
SYSTEMS (GOJ SHIP CERTIFICATION INSPECTION PROCEDURES)

REF: STATE 123511

SUMMARY: BOEING MARINE REP HAS TOLD US THERE ARE NEW
ELEMENTS IN CASE AND REQUESTED EMBASSY NOT RAISE MATTER
OF ON-SITE JETFOIL INSPECTION WITH MOT SHIP BUREAU
UNTIL JAPANESE AGENTS, SUMITOMO TRADING, CAN MEET
WITH US WEEK OF MAY 22. TIME ELEMENT NOT NOW CRUCIAL
SINCE IT APPEARS MOT, FOR OTHER REASONS, COULD NOT
COME TO BOEING UNTIL FALL BUT WILL BE WILLING TO
INSPECT WHATEVER JETFOIL IS THEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER FOLLOWING MEETING WITH
SUMITOMO TRADING. EMBASSY RESERVES JUDGMENT WHETHER
CASE NEEDS TO BE RAISED IN TFC. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT CASE BY TELEPHONE
MAY 16 WITH BOEING MARINE REP R. ANDREWS WHO IS ON
BUSINESS TRIP IN WESTERN JAPAN WITH BOEING MARINE'S
LOCAL AGENT SUMITOMO TRADING CO. ANDREWS SAID
BOEING REP VARNUM, MENTIONED REFTTEL, HAD RETURNED
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TO U.S. MAY 16. HE REQUESTED THAT BEFORE EMBASSY
CONTACTS MOT SHIP BUREAU WE MEET WITH SUMITOMO REPS
WHO WILL BE BACK IN TOKYO WEEK OF MAY 22 (ANDREWS
HIMSELF RETURNS TO U.S. SATURDAY, MAY 20) FOR
UPDATE ON SITUATION.

2. ANDREWS SAID TIME ELEMENT INVOLVED IS NOT NOW

CRUCIAL SINCE SHIP BUREAU TOLD BOEING MAY 15 THAT
EVEN IF MONEY TO FINANCE ON-SITE INSPECTION OF JETFOIL
CONSTRUCTION IS MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY, OTHER
COMMITMENTS PRECLUDE THEIR INSPECTORS COMING TO
RENTON UNTIL AT LEAST LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL.
ALTHOUGH JETFOIL IN QUESTION WILL BE BUILT AND
LAUNCHED BY THEN ANDREWS SAID SHIP BUREAU OFFICIALS
INDICATED THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO LOOK AT WHATEVER
JETFOIL IS THEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS
LAUNCHED VESSEL; THIS MIGHT SATISFY THEIR INSPECTION
REQUIREMENTS.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER AFTER MEETING WITH
SUMITOMO TRADING CO; WE RESERVE JUDGMENT AT
THIS POINT WHETHER CASE NEED BE RAISED IN TFC.

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